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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 19

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 1700 (EDT) JULY 25

MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE ACTUAL  
FIGHTING REPORTED SINCE THE LAST SITREP. ALL PARTIES ARE  
NOW SPECULATING ON TURKISH INTENTIONS. THE UK HIGH COMMIS-  
SION IN NICOSIA REPORTED 21 LST'S OFF KYRENIA THIS  
MORNING UNLOADING MEN AND EQUIPMENT. ALTHOUGH THE LIKELY

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SIZE OF THE TURKISH REINFORCEMENT HAS BEEN REVISED DOWNWARD

TO ONE DIVISION FROM THE JULY 24 ESTIMATE OF TWO, THERE IS DEFINITE UNEASINESS AMONG THE BRITISH AND THE GREEKS. EMBASSY ANKARA THINKS THE TURKS INTEND TO CONSOLIDATE RATHER THAN EXPAND THEIR POSITION, BUT CLERIDES, MAVROS, AND THE UK HIGH COMMISSIONER BELIEVE OTHERWISE. USDAO ATHENS REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH INTEND TO USE IN NICOSIA'S DEFENSE AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY LOCATED AT AKROTIRI IF NICOSIA COMES UNDER ATTACK. THE GREEKS STILL CONSIDER THE SITUATION CRITICAL.

GREECE: GREECE IS EXPERIENCING A RETURN TO NORMALCY UNDER ITS NEW GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE MILITARY MOBILIZATION IS BEING RELAXED. ATHENS AIRPORT IS NOW OPEN, AND THE BAN ON EASTWARD AIR TRAFFIC HAS BEEN LIFTED. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED EARLIER ON ALL "GREEK" MALES HAVE BEEN LIFTED.

UN: TURKEY IS APPARENTLY ANGRY OVER THE RESULTS OF LAST NIGHT'S SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH ALLEGED TURKISH PLANS TO ATTACK THE UN FORCE OCCUPYING THE NICOSIA AIRPORT WERE DISCUSSED. IN A DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI SHORTLY AFTER THE MEETING, TURKISH PERMREP OLCAY SHOWED UNCHARACTERISTIC RESENTMENT AND INTENSITY IN DISCUSSING THE BRITISH TACTICS WHICH FORCED A PUBLIC TURKISH PLEDGE NOT TO ATTACK THE AIRPORT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE AIRPORT DRAMA COULD STRAIN UK-TURKISH RELATIONS DURING THE UPCOMING TALKS IN GENEVA.

TRIPARTITE TALKS: IN COMMENCING THE GENEVA TALKS THIS EVENING, BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN WILL MEET PRIVATELY FIRST WITH THE TURKS, AND THEN WITH THE GREEKS. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS AT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEKS. AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, CALLAGHAN IS EXPECTED TO URGE RESPECT FOR THE CEASEFIRE. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS HAS PUBLICLY DENIED SPECULATION THAT THE US MIGHT EVENTUALLY TAKE DIRECT PART IN THE TALKS. GREECE IS STRONGLY AGAINST THE PARTITION OF CYPRUS. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES SAID TODAY THAT HE FAVORS A "FEDERAL" SOLUTION. IN WORKING TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, MAKARIOS' FUTURE STATUS WILL BE A MAJOR ISSUE. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

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(MAVROS) HOLDS THAT THE "SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF JULY 20 CONCERNING CYPRUS PROVIDES FOR A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER PROVIDES FOR AN ELECTED PRESIDENT AND THIS IS MAKARIOS." ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE CLERIDES HAS DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS ONLY AN ACTING PRESIDENT, BOTH HE AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH ARE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MAKARIOS AND FEEL THAT THE QUESTION OF HIS RETURN IS FOR THE CYPRIOTS

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